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## **PETITION OF**

## MICHAEL H. DITTON

**CASE NO. PUC990176** 

To investigate Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.

## **HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING**

February 13, 2000

On February 2, 2001, Mr. Ditton filed a Second Motion to Compel Responses to Discovery Requests, Special Motion to Overrule Objections and Motion for Sanctions. In support of his motions, Mr. Ditton states that the discovery responses provided by Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc., now known as Verizon-Virginia, Inc. ("Verizon"), included meritless objections and are non-responsive, incomplete, and evasive. A Hearing Examiner's Ruling dated February 5, 2001, provided Verizon with an opportunity to respond to Mr. Ditton's motions. On February 9, 2001, Verizon filed its Opposition to Petitioner's Second Motion to Compel Responses to Discovery Requests, Special Motion to Overrule Objections and Motion for Sanctions.

Based upon a review of the interrogatories and data requests, the responses provided by Verizon, Mr. Ditton's assertions concerning Verizon's responses, and Verizon's arguments in opposition to Mr. Dittion, I find that Mr. Ditton's motions should be denied. Accordingly,

**IT IS DIRECTED** that Mr. Ditton's Second Motion to Compel Responses to Discovery Requests, Special Motion to Overrule Objections and Motion for Sanctions all are hereby *denied*.

Alexander F. Skirpan, Jr. Hearing Examiner